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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/22/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6 , 11, 19, 23, 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Marsh et al. 2002/0112395 A1.

The Patent Application Publication '395 to Marsh shows an insect removal device 2 having an engagement surface (not labeled) covered with an adhesive layer 4, a backing side (not labeled) positioned opposite the engagement side, and a single release tab 6 covered with a tab liner 10 as shown in Fig. 1. In reference to claim 8, Marsh shows a storing liner 8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 7, 12-14, 16, 17, 24, 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsh et al.

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The Patent Publication '395 to Marsh has been discussed above and does not disclose alcohol. Marsh discloses that the adhesive layer is penetrated with an antiseptic in paragraph 16. In reference to claim 7, it would have been obvious to provide Marsh with alcohol which is an old and well known antiseptic. In reference to claim 16, Marsh shows the release tab 6 covered with a tab liner 10. In reference to claim 17, Marsh discloses a flexible, resilient foam material for both the main body 2 and release tab 6 in paragraph 0011. In reference to claim 29, Marsh does not disclose saving the pest attached to the pest removal device and then analyzing the pest for disease, but it would have been obvious to check the pest for disease to help determine if treatment was required.

5. Claims 8, 9, 18, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsh '395 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Nelson '862.

The patents to Marsh and Nelson show insect capturing devices. Marsh has been discussed above and does not show the liner spooled in a dispenser. In reference to claim 8, Marsh does not show a storing liner. The patent to Nelson shows a storing liner 50. In reference to claims 8 and 18, 20, it would have been obvious to provide Marsh with a storing liner as shown by Nelson to conveniently carry more than one insect catcher at a time. The patent to Nelson shows an insect capturing device spooled on a dispenser in Figs. 9b and 16. In reference to claims 9 and 21, it would have been obvious to provide Marsh with a spooled dispenser as shown by Nelson for the purpose of convenience and ease of use.

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6. Claims 10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsh et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Cosenza.

The patents to Marsh and Cosenza show insect capturing devices. Marsh does not show adhesive on the backing side. The patent to Cosenza shows an insect capturing device with adhesive on the backing side. In reference to claims 10 and 15, it would have been obvious to provide Marsh with adhesive on the backing side as shown by Cosenza for the purpose of adhering the back side of the pest removal device to another object or picking up another insect.

7. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsh as modified by Nelson as applied to claim 20 above, and further in view of Consenza.

The patents to Marsh, Nelson, and Consenza show insect capturing devices and have been discussed above. In reference to claim 22, it would have been obvious to provide the insect catcher of Marsh as modified by Nelson with adhesive on both sides as shown by Consenza to attach the insect catcher to other articles of to catch more insects.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Kistner, Lynn, Mike, and Tarbell show other insect catchers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kurt Rowan whose telephone number is 703 308-2321.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Poon can be reached on 703 308-2574. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt Rowan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kurt Rowan
Primary Examiner
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